Buch Committee Report on LBZ

*383. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had appointed some time back the Buch Committee to consider the restructuring and redensification of the Lutyens Bungalow Zone (LBZ) in the light of the needs of the New Delhi area;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has since submitted its report; and

(c) whether Government would carefully consider the recommendations made in the report before initiating action thereon so that the special features of New Delhi, particularly its greenery, cleanliness and freedom from environmental pollution, are not adversely affected?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri M.N. Buch was constituted to examine the entire issue of redevelopment of the area known as Lutyen's Bunglow Zone.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Condition of PSUs in Bihar

384. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTEPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the Central and State PSUs in Bihar are incurring heavy losses and are on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such a state of affairs; and

(c) what remedial action Government have taken or propose to take to save the PSUs of the state from closure?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Centralized data is maintained in respect of central PSUs which are under the control of central Government and no such data is maintained for PSUs under the control of State Government. During 1998-99, the period for which latest information is available, of the 12 central PSUs having their registered offices in the State of Bihar, three PSUs have earned profits and remaining 9 PSUs have incurred losses. The list of central PSUs in the State of Bihar and the profit/loss made by these PSUs is annexed as Statement (*See* below).

The reasons for incurring losses or sickness vary from unit to unit and hence enterprise specific measures are taken by the Government for turn around of these PSUs. For sick industrial PSUs, BIFR is to take the final view. For other loss making PSUs administrative Ministry in consultation with management and workers of PSUs explore various options and devise appropriate measures for restructuring of the PSUs. Of the 12 PSUs, 4 PSUs viz., Bharat Refractories Ltd., Heavy Engineering Corpn. Ltd., Project & Development India Ltd., and Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd., (PPCL) are registered with the BIFR as on 30.6.2000. BIFR have sanctioned revival scheme for the first 3 PSUs and PPCL is under enquiry with BIFR. In addition, Government have approved modified restructuring package for Bharat Refractories Ltd., and Heavy Engineering Corpn. As such, none of the sick CPSUs with BIFR is on the verge of closure, in the State of Bihar.

Statement

(in Rs. lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the PSUs	Profit/Loss				
		1998-99	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96	1994-95
1.	Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL)	(-)44234	(-)14091	(-)32281	10266	(-)15463
2.	Bharat Refractories Ltd. (BRL)	(-)4168	(-)2075	4117	(-)332	(-)1634
3.	Bharat Wagon & Engg. Co. Ltd. (BWECL)	19	41	9	5	(-)494
4.	Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL)	(-)14935	(-)8567	(-)1552	(-143)	(-)11896
5.	Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd. (CMPDIL)	39	224	188	258	213
6.	Engineering Projects India Ltd. (EPIL)	(-)3419	(-)3574	(-)4875	(-)6119	(-)6675
7.	Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC)	(-)5063	(-)7197	(-)8300	(-)19245	(-)27049
8.	Metallurgical & Engg. Consultants (India) Ltd. (MECON)	(-)1117	167	840	1023	539
9.	Projects & Development India Ltd. (PDIL)	(-)1585	609	3182	2252	(-)632
10.	Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL)	(-)8749	(-)5341	(-)828	(-)65	(-)587

Sl. No.	Name of the PSUs	Profit/Loss				
		1998-99	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96	1994-95
11.	Ranchi Ashok Bihar Hotel Corpn. Ltd. (RABHC)	(-)20	(-)23	(-)28	(-)30	(-)30
12.	Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. (UCIL)	367	251	(-)853	79	802

Visit of German Delegation to India

*386. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation from Germany visited India;

(b) whether the delegation agreed to participate in Information Technology and other areas;

(c) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(d) the details of the agreement signed?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) No delegation from Germany visited India to discuss specifically the bilateral cooperation in the information technology sector. However, a delegation led by Mr. Guenter Eymael, Secretary, Ministry of Economic Transportation, Agriculture and Viniculture in Rheinland Pfalz, Mainz, Germany visited the Ministry of Information Technology on 28th January 2000 and had a discussion on the capabilities of Indian information technology and electronics industry including the scope for enhancement of bilateral cooperation.

Mr. Joschka Fischer, Deputy Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany also visited India during May 17-18, 2000 during which he visited the Information Technology Park in Bangalore on 17th May, 2000. The delegation also held detailed discussions with the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce on measures for utilizing the potential for bilateral cooperation.

No agreement has so far been signed between the two countries for cooperation in the information and technology sector.

Amount spent by States under Component Plan

*387. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: